# Reflections of a submitting slave

## Part 1

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“Your writing is both inspirational and motivating…”

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“My husband is Abu Abdillah, and what is Abu Abdillah( i.e. what should I say about him)? (Has) a determination unmatched by many of his contemporaries. An aspiring zaahid, barely appearing to be connected to the world, and with a large heart both physical and metaphorical. A man extremely quick to anger but is quickly soothed by the verses of the Quran and authentic narrations of the religion. His ambition is unmatchable to many, and coupled with his Tawakkul( from what one can humanly observe), always seems to get whatever of the halal he sets his heart

upon, or better( directly from His Rabb/ Creator)”

Umm Maryam

[My wife is Umm Maryam, and what is Umm Maryam( i.e. what should I say about her)? Her worship of Allah( from what the eye can see) comes close to no one I have ever witnessed before( with my own eyes), her supplications are always answered( from what Allah has blessed me with of little knowledge). Her worldly beauty has a distant  resemblance to that of The Hur Al 'Ain of Jannah. On top of that,

Allah has fully concealed it to none other than her husband, through her niqaab. Her zuhd/ abstemiousness has a resemblance to the one who's name she bares, from the Quran and Sunnah; Maryam 'aleihaassalaam. Her detachment from the dunia is undescribable, and just like Maryam 'aleihaassalaam, her provisions from her Creator never cease, whether her husband provides for her( from the little he has) or not.- Abu Abdillah]

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## Introduction

In The Name of Allah, The Entirely Merciful The Especially Merciful

This is book is about Reflections of a submitting slave Part 1- by the will of Allah.

## Text( Matn)

**Bismillahirrahmaanirraheem**

In The Name of Allah, The Entirely Merciful, The Especially Merciful

Alhamdulillah wassalaatu wassalam 'alaa Rasuulillah

All praises be to Allah and salutations and peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, His Family, His Companions and all those that follow him until the day of Judgement

To proceed

1. Without unpredictability, creativity can not exist

2. When you completely submit to Allah, He ALONE will

show you secrets you never knew existed

3. The secret to submitting( to Allah) completely, especially to His

Qadar( at the strike of calamity), it that Allah is testing your belief and trust in Him, in order that He may see you fit to teach you what you did not know( although, you may have thought you did)

4. There is a beauty to the submission of Allah, that no soul can tell you, except those who have tasted it

5. Don’t judge people. As some say: “ Face your front” i.e. take care of what concerns you, and do not preoccupy yourself with that which does not concern you

6, Bliss is at the top edge of calamity

7. Have no doubt in Allah, and He shall fulfil your purpose

8. When it seems that all roads lead downhill, have muraqqabah( watchfulness of Allah).

Know that Allah is watching your heart and actions, waiting for you to fully submit to him

9. Don’t be in constant distress over where you are physically; take care( by the will of Allah), of your positive inclinations, wishes and desires( within your Allah- given capacity), and Allah will take care of the rest of your faculties, physical/ spiritual existence/ location and otherwise

May Allah guide us all Ameen

All praises be to Allah and salutations and peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, His Family, His Companions and all those that follow him until the day of Judgement

# Bonus Chapter

## Knowing Allah Part 7

All praises be to Allah and salutations and peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, His Family, His

Companions and all those that follow him until the day of Judgement

To proceed

2. Al Husnaa because names are from Wahy.

2 extremes

1. School of theology they tried to use the mind to come to knowledge of Allah.

2. Sufism- arrival to Allah, they froze the mind and claimed to have sufi revelation( kashf)

A-raaf 23

describing Allah with names

8. All Allah’s names are from the Muhkaam/ clear meaning, not majhool( the meaning i.e. not unknown) except the kayf( the How)

9. It is imperssible to derive a name of Allah from an attribute that is used in a particular situation.

e.g. Allah mocks at the hypocrites.

Al Mustahzib- the Mocker- there is no such name; it is unrestrictedly used( i.e. the attribute), so it is a perfect attribute( mocking), but a name is not derived from it.

Allah makarah( plotted) against those who wanted to  kill Jesus. Makarah( plotting) has a negative meaning.

So, in general, it is not an attribute of Allah, but in specific unrestricted use, it is His attribute.

Exact retribution from the mujrimun Ibrahim 14:47

Allah is All Mighty, All Able of

retribution. Surah Al A-raff Verse 33

# Bonus Chapter

## Spiritual Levitation 1: The Other side of Abstemiousness

1. Face your fears, and pray to Allah always

2. You can never attain true success (i.e. in this world and the next life), until you worship Allah correctly and seek His assistance continuously/ continually

3. If you choose a life of worshipping Allah in all that you do in your life, then( by His will), all that you desire will come to you submissively.

4. Every time you feel like giving up, turn back to Allah( whole heartedly)

5. Concentrate on bettering yourself. The general rule of thumb is that the better you are, the more those around you get affected positively.

6. Keep on being patient, and never stop being patient, until your soul exists the collarbone.

7. In patience, there is wisdom from Allah. He is showing you that He is The One that controls everything

8. Modern day monks(and practitioners of abstemiousness) can sometimes be found in cities and towns.

9. The more you practice Zuhd( Orthodox Islamic Abstemiousness), the more your heart lets go of the world. Then the more the world clings on to you( metaphorically speaking)

## FINAL PRAYER

All Praises abundant and plentiful belong to Allah, and peace be upon his final Messenger Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, his family, his companions and all of those that follow them till the day of Judgement.

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# Bonus Chapter 1

## 3 types of souls

1. Mutma innah- Surah Fajr Verse 27(The break of day or The Dawn)

2. Lawwaamah- Chapter 75 Surah Qiyaamah(The Resurrection) Verse 2

3.Amru bissuw-

Hisnul Muslim- Qahtani

3 types of hearts

1. Qalbun Saliim( A sound heart)

2. Qalbun Mareedh( A sick heart)

Oh Allah give us a complete cure that leaves no illness Ameen.

3. Qalbun Mayyit( A dead heart)

May Allah protect us from this

Ameen

# Bonus Chapter 2

## ‘Uboodiyyah: Beyond Temporary Friendship

All praises be to Allah and

salutations and peace be upon the

Prophet Muhammad, His Family, His

Companions and all those that follow him until the day of Judgement

To proceed

1. If you don’t let go to worldly love, you’ll never know which relationship is meant to be permanent, and which was meant to be temporary; for the good of yourself.

Take the example of Prophet Ibrahim(upon him be peace and Salaam):

The important thing( wa Allahu A’laam/ and Allah knows best) is that Allah wanted Ibrahim( ‘aleihimussalaatu wa salaam/ upon him be peace and Salaam) to sacrifice the love of his son from his own heart.

Like the story of the 2 sons of Adam; Allah wanted to see who would part from the dunia/worldly life from their hearts( wa Allahu A’laam/ and Allah knows best), by

giving their best possessions i.e. the crops

Allah is Assamad(He is in need of noone/nothing, but all are in need of him).

So the conclusion is that Allah wants us to go to Him with Qalbun Salim(a pure heart).

May Allah allow us to live and die with Qalbun saliim(a pure heart)

**May Allah guide us all**

**Ameen**

# Bonus Chapter 3

## Spiritual Levitation 2: The Other Side of Abstemiousness/ Zuhd

All praises be to Allah and salutations and peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, His Family, His Companions and all those that follow him until the day of Judgement

To proceed

1. Never let go of your( correct) religious principles

2. The enemies surrounding you( i.e. Shaitan/ satan and dunia/ the seeming glitter of the world) (and within you, (i.e. your hawa/ desires and nafs/ your lower self) are always ready to launch attacks. Be vigilant(i.e. by supplicating to Allah always), be informed(i.e. seek

knowledge) and be ready( for the ongoing spiritual battle/ warfare) and on guard( by beseeching Allah’s assistance, refuge and rescue)

3. Sometimes you have to let go of certain things, for a new chapter if your life to begin

4. Whatever is with Allah( by His protection)/ Everything that is with Allah( by His protection) is never lost

5. It is at that breaking point, when you literally( and metaphorically) feel that you are fast-approaching rock bottom( or anguish is about to set in); that is the time to supplicate for all the good that you wish for. Then wait for the miracles that shall follow( only by the will of Allah)

6. Always ask for Allah’s bounties/ favours upon you( , whether you hear the cockerel crow or not)

# Bonus Chapter 4

## Introduction to Pre-destiny: The Sea Without a Shore

All praises be to Allah and salutations and peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, His Family, His Companions and all those that follow him until the day of Judgement

To proceed

4 Parts to the Qadar( Pre- destiny of Allah)

1. Al ‘Ilm( knowledge)

That Allah knows everything that was, everything that is(now), everything that is going to be/ that will happen( in the future), and also things that **if they were to happen**, how they would happen.

2. Al Kitaabah( The writing)

That Allah instructed the pen to write all the things that will happen(till eternity- And Allah knows best), 50, 000 years before the creation of the Heavens and Earth.

3. Mashi a( Will)

That everything happens by the will of Allah.

That we also a will, but ultimately, it is still under the will of Allah.

‘Aml( Action/ Deeds)

That Allah  created/ creates everything, including our actions.

## Bonus Chapter 5

Knowing Allah Part 2

The Names of Allah have influence in the hearts that know of Him.

The state of shyness of Allah will increase.

When  a person sins, his heart is free of imaan at that time.

Ibn ‘Abbaas: Like this( imaan is taken away) he meshed his hands together then separated them, then he said; when he repents, his imaan returns, ( then he meshed his hands together again)

Maa lakum  laa tarjuuna lillahi wa qaara; What is the matter with you that you don’t return back to Allah( and don’t give Him the proper estimation)

Those who sin against Allah( don’t believe in Allah properly) don’t have the proper estimation of Allah.

Chapter 39 Verse 36

Is not Allah sufficient for His slaves. They try to frighten you with those they worship besides Allah.

If a slave gives Allah the proper estimation, he will have awe/ fear, which will keep him away from sin.

Remembrance( of Allah), is obedience to Allah.

The one who is obedient to Allah, remembers Him( dhikrullah)

The one who is disobedient to Allah, is not remembering Him( dhikrullah)

Sa’iid Ibn Jubair:
Whoever obeys Allah has remembered him.

Dhikr is of 2 types:

Remembering Allah with the tongue, and remembering Allah at times of disobedience( and refraining from it)

Knowledge of Allah lends the believer to strive in worship of Allah.

Chapter 51 Verse 17- 18

They used to sleep little by night, invoking Allah, and in the

hours of the night, they used to seek forgiveness.

Ignorance( greatest form)- not giving Allah the just/ proper estimate.

Quran: Whoever honours the sacred things with Allah, that is better for him with his Lord.

Surah Nisaa:

Ignorance stems from improper knowledge of Allah, which leads to improper estimation of Him.

From Quran:

Ignorance and foolishness; Allah only accepts repentance from the one who commits sins out of these 2.

A slave only commits sin out of ignorance( This was the understanding of the Sahaabah)

Ibn Taymeeyah said:

Every disobedient person is ignorant, and every person with awe/ fear ( of Allah) has knowledge of Allah and is in obedience of Him.

Had the fear of Allah been perfected, you wouldn’t disobey Him.

## Bonus Chapter 6

The more you know Allah, the more you fear Him, Quran, Chapter 35 Verse 28.

It is only the ‘Ulamaa that fear Allah.

The most knowledgeable of Allah was the Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him)

The Slave feels his small sin as a mountain.

The Sahaabah feared Allah the most( after the Prophets)

Muubiqaat- destructive sins.

Don’t look to the smallness of your sins, look to the Greatness of The One you are disobeying.

If Satan/ Shaitaan cannot get a person to sin, he will try to get him through riyaa/ show off and pride.

Imaam Ahmed on his death bed said “Laa ba’d( not yet)…”. He said “( the Shaitaan) Iblees stood by my feet

biting his fingers saying futtanee; you were saved from me, ( he wanted Ahmed to feel proud)“

Ahmed said:

Not yet, not yet, not until I die.

One of the fruits of true Imaan, is that at death, Allah will make a believer firm against Satan

Firm saying, in this world, is saying the kalimah( statement of Tawheed) at death and being able to answer the 3 questions in the grave.

One of the salaf( Abu Bakr) said all the names of Allah until he died( not Abu Bakr Siddique)

Baqarah 2: 132- 133

“Die not except in Islam( with the statement of Tawheed)”

The most fruitful end is to die in

Islaam

## Bonus Chapter 7

Husna- the best, most perfect & most beautiful

In 4 places, Allah mentions that His Names are Al Husnaa

Surah A-raaf Chapter 7, Verse 180

Surah Israa Chapter 17, Verse 110

Surah Taha, Chapter 20 Verse 8

Surah Hashr Verse 24

<u>Husnaa</u>

1. All Allah’s names indicate and affirm His perfect attributes, they are names as well as attributes.

Allah is glorified above having names without meaning.

Allah’s name is Al Qawii- it implies that He is The Most Strong, neither preceded by weakness or ending.

Al Hayy; Perfect living not preceded by non-existence nor ending.
His name Al Hayy implies his knowledge…

Al ‘Aliim

The knowledge is not preceded by ignorance nor is it ended by forgetfulness